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#### NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago and New York, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to good, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were mostly adequate to at times fully sufficient. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate for less than normal processing schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 11 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to 12 cents higher on mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 7 cents higher on extra large and unchanged to 8 cents higher on the balance of sizes, when based on previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets ranged moderate to good. Supplies were generally adequate for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample for the moderate to fairly good demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for the light to no better than fair demand.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged with prices in all other locations throughout the Midwest sharply higher. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Cartoned egg demand light to fairly good and best into scattered features. Features in Iowa-Minnesota included one dozen mediums for 48 cents with no limit. Loose egg sales were mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced. Central states breaking stock prices and checks and undergrades were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to available with demand quiet. Many breakers were in need of additional heavy nest runs but were unwilling buyers at current reported values. Floor stocks were in close balance. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment was fully steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were sharply higher on all sizes. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady entering the week. Demand was light to fairly good, best where features were in progress or planned. Supplies ranged sufficient to closely balanced. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending November 01, 2002 was 66.93 cents, which was 10.94 cents more than a week earlier, but was 1.47 cents lower than last year. Breaking stock offerings ranged adequate to ample for the moderate to good demand. Breaking schedules were normal to heavy. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for less than normal slaughter schedules

**WESTERN** Prices 6 cents higher on jumbo, 7-8 cents higher on extra large, 8 cents higher on large, and 7-9 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 2% higher than last Monday with California unchanged and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 4%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand ranged light to good, best where features were a factor. Supplies were usually adequate to fully adequate for current needs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DLVRD STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DZ.

EX LARGE LARGE MEDIUI

	<b>EX LARGE</b>	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	115-117	106-108	74-76
New York	84-88	82-86	69-73
Philadelphia	78.5-86	77.5-84	64.5-71
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SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	69.5-79	66.5-75	54-63
Jackson (1)	65-67	60-63	47-49
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	83-94	80-90	67-78
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	74-78	72-76	62-66
Detroit (2)	70-75	69-73	59-66
Major Ohio Cities (2)	72-76	71-74	61-64
Major Wisconsin Cities	73-80	72-78	62-67
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WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	91-93	87-90	75-77
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	112	106	97
(1) - Prices reported weekly	y (2) -	Delivered \	<b>Narehouse</b>
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<u>CALIFORNIA</u> Prices 6 cents higher on jumbo, 8 cents higher on extra large and large, and 7 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was unchanged from last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate for a cautious buyer interest. Small benchmark price 77. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 79, 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

RANGE
117
112
106
97

(3) - Reported Invoice prices

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

<b>SOUTHERN CALI</b>	FORNIA	NORTHERN CAL	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA				
	<b>RANGE</b>		RANGE				
JUMBO	239-299	JUMBO	235-289				
EXTRA LARGE	229-299	EXTRA LARGE	229-249				
LARGE	199	LARGE	195-239				
MEDIUM	99-179	MEDIUM	99-189				

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 08, 2002 will increase by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 01, 2002 were 262,077 cases which was 10 percent above the prior week and 5 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week	221,110	40,967	262,077
% change from the prior week	+14	-6	+10
Comparison figures a Purchases and estim			
equivalent.			

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to available with demand quiet. Many breakers were in need of additional heavy nest runs but were unwilling buyers at current reported values. Most processors were breaking for regular commitments and contractual requirements only. Floor stocks closely balanced. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED

TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE MOSTLY

NEST RUN 45-48 45-47

CHECKS & UNDERGRADES 32-36

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices trended slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the at least adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as less than normal. Finished product supplies were generally adequate and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was generally steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-NOV-02.

RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING 4.75-10 CENTS/LB. 8.5-10 8.71

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 4.75-10 CENTS/LB. 8.5-10 8.7°
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT
\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate to good for adequate spent hen offerings. Slaughter schedules were usually normal and sufficient to cover a fair call for finished product. Trade sentiment was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-NOV-02.

RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 5-11.5 CENTS/LB. 8-9.25 \*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM NOV 04, 2002 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

	(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)								
	·		NO	SO	SO	•	5-Area		
	Nor	theast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific			
Jumbo	Curr Wk	13.3	19.2	9.3	13.5	15.2	70.5		
	Change	0.9	-0.2	-0.6	0.5	2.1	4%		
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.1	62.6	19.0	27.7	32.3	170.7		
	Change	2.0	0.2	-0.1	2.4	-0.3	3%		
Large	Curr Wk	55.2	112.2	87.1	106.1	125.8	486.4		
	Change	6.7	-1.6	3.8	9.8	1.4	4%		
Medium	Curr Wk	12.9	38.0	14.8	21.8	31.0	118.5		
	Change	2.7	8.1	-2.1	-2.4	3.7	9%		
Small	Curr Wk	5.9	5.6	3.0	4.9	4.7	24.1		
	Change	8.0	-0.9	-2.2	-0.3	-3.9	-21%		
Misc	Curr Wk	4.5	29.1	6.8	14.3	6.7	61.4		
	Change	1.1	12.2	-2.6	-6.5	1.0	9%		
Ungraded	Curr Wk	31.8	59.9	29.2	36.8	33.4	191.1		
_	Change	4.1	2.7	7.8	0.9	-0.3	9%		
Total	Curr Wk	152.7	326.6	169.2	225.1	249.1 1	122.7		
Percent	Change	14%	7%	2%	2%	2%	5%		

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg Shell Egg Breaking	1122.7 Stock 2/ 260.9	5% 0%	174 38
Total Shell Egg	1383.6	4%	212

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 174 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 21, 2002

**GRADE A** XLARGE LARGE MEDIUM SMALL 194.2 191.1 182.1 114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING OCTOBER 21, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

**GRADE A** XLARGE LARGE MEDIUM SMALL 147 147 137 77

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CURRENT L	.OADS 20	0.25		FU	TURE LOADS	4.00		TO	OTAL LC	DADS	24.25		
	SE		NE	MV	V LOADS		5	C	NV	V	SW	/ LO	ADS
CLASS	ORG DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	56.00 63.14	57.00	58.00	54.00	<b>—</b> 10.00	GNR W 1	_	61.00	_				1.00
GNR BR 1		57.00	58.00	_	<b>—</b> 1.00	GL W LG	_	69.00	_	_	_	_	1.00
GL W J		_	_	_	<b>—</b> 1.00	GL W MD	50.00	_	_	55.00	_	_	1.50
GL W XL		68.50	70.00	_	<b>—</b> 1.00	NRBS - 39	34.00	_	_				1.00
GL W LG		53.00	56.00	64.00	<b>—</b> 2.50								
GL W MD	-73.00	53.00	55.00	_	<b>—</b> 5.00								

**—** 1.00

**—** 36.00 1.25

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/28/02-11/01/02															
CURRENT	LOADS	97.25		FUTUF	RE LOAI	DS	99.25			TOTAL L	OADS	196.50			
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CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	58.63	61.77	53.50	55.29	55.38	_	59.50	GNR W 1	58.00	62.20	_	_	_	61.00	11.00
GNR W 3	42.50	_		_	_	46.00	2.00	GNR BR 1	_	_	_	_	_	_	1.00
GNR BR 1	_	_	57.00	58.00	_	_	1.00	GL W J	_	_	_	_	65.00	67.00	2.50
GL W J	_	_		_	55.00	_	2.00	GL W XL	58.00	67.18	_	_	_	62.38	15.00
GL W XL	_	76.00	66.46	68.80	53.71	_	48.25	GL W LG	_	67.00	_	_	_	67.36	20.50
GL W LG	_	67.13	61.78	66.26	62.61	_	43.50	GL W MD	48.40	_	_	55.00	_	55.50	4.50
GL W MD	_	73.00	53.00	57.00	54.00	58.88	21.00	GL W SM	_	_	_	_	27.20	29.70	1.25
GL W SM	_	_	24.40	26.30	_	_	5.75	GL BR XL	_	_	_	_	_	75.00	.50
GL BR J	_	_		_	_	_	.25	NRBS - 39	34.00	_	_	_	_	_	1.00
GL BR XL	_	_	62.00	_	_	_	.75								
GL BR LG	_	_	_	_	_	_	.50								
NRBS - 50	_	_	40.00	42.33	_	49.43	20.50								
NRBS - 48	_	_	_	_	49.50	47.13	22.00								
NRBS - 39	_	_	25.00	27.00	_	35.67	3.25								
NRBS - 36	_	_	_	_	26.50	29.00	1.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

# **NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA**

**—** 40.00

**—** 25.00

42.00

27.00

NRBS - 50

NRBS - 39

State Number Cases Number Cases Number Cases Total State
Shipped To Shipped To Shipped To
Northern CA Central CA Southern CA

**NOT AVAILABLE** 

### **NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

 JUMBO
 EX-LARGE
 LARGE
 MEDIUM
 SMALL

 122-125
 96-99
 87-90
 55-58
 25-28

#### HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 10/20/02-10/26/02

30-dozen case 11,578

Receipts from the mainland: 10/13/02-10/19/02

30-dozen cases 9,261

#### **DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

 JUMBO
 EX-LARGE
 LARGE
 MEDIUM
 SMALL

 76-86
 70-73
 67-72
 59-63
 33-37

# **NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

 EX-LARGE
 LARGE
 MEDIUM
 SMALL

 92.12
 88.12
 76.12
 52.24

#### **IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**LARGE MEDIUM SMALL** 53-56 44-48 16-19

# **EGG PRODUCTS**

### Shell eggs Broken Down 3 Percent

Shell eggs broken totaled 159 million dozen during September 2002, down 3 percent from September a year ago.

September 2002 contained 21 weekdays, four Saturdays and one holiday, compared to 20 weekdays, five Saturdays and one holiday in September 2001.

During calendar year 2002, shell eggs broken totaled 1.41 billion dozen, up 3 percent from the 1.37 billion dozen broken in 2001. Total edible liquid from eggs broken in 2002 was 1.79 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2001.

# COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands) ON HAND 10/28/02 10/21/02 10/29/01 PACIFIC COAST 536 496 260 LOS ANGELES 443 396 210

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